

ACE NEWS

AMARILLO CITY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



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August is National Water Quality

See the City's website for this year's updated report



School Begins

August 27, 2012



Labor Day

September 3, 2012

Tri-State Fair

September 14-22, 2012

Special points of Interest:

- August Recipe—Thai Steak Salad
- July Retirees

City of Amarillo Kicks Off 2012-2013 United Way Campaign

Blair Harris, Management Analyst



As City employees, you know what it means to serve the citizens of Amarillo. A typical day could take you to repair a street, the water treatment plant, a library, the landfill, or to the Amarillo Emergency Communications Center; where hundreds of calls for help are taken each day. Taking care of this town is what you do. Because of that, no one sees the needs of our neighbors quite like you do. We would all like to fill in the gap when ends don't meet, take care of Grandma ourselves, and even feed the homeless, however, the reality is we can't do it all alone.

That's why the City of Amarillo is excited to begin our 2012 United Way campaign. By acting and working together, we can make life-changing differences within the community that we could never achieve alone. Year after year, the City of Amarillo and United Way continue to impact our community in a positive way.

United Way of Amarillo and Canyon focuses on the following four impact areas:

- Building Financial Stability
- Preparing Children to Succeed

- Ensuring Basic Needs
- Caring for People in Crisis

Did you know that nearly 35% of the children in Potter County are living below the poverty line? Eighty-two homes were lost last year in wildfires in Potter and Randall counties. More seniors face the threat of hunger every day as our population ages. Your gift to United Way makes a huge difference to those people. Through United Way, 2,000 children will have a place to go after school. More than 2,200 people will receive help in a crisis situation. Plus, 170,000 meals will be provided to senior citizens right here in our community.

The employees of the City have always been generous. It is obvious that you care about the citizens you serve. This year we hope everyone gets involved, and we are going to make that easier than ever. Please come to your department rally and feel free to ask questions!

This year's Campaign Coordinators are Courtney Goodman-Morris, Blair Harris and Damen Ratliff.

Back-to-School Immunizations

Cassie Stoughton, Nurse Epidemiologist

Vacations are coming to an end and we are all getting ready for back-to-school. Along with pencils and notebook paper, immunizations are an important "school supply." This year, there are a few changes to be aware of:

College Students – the meningitis vaccine is required for college students under 30 who are newly enrolled or transferring to a new school. This vaccine, which is an expensive vaccine, is available at CityCare for covered employees.

K-12th grade – vaccines are required based on your child's grade. The school or doctor can tell you what your child needs. Don't forget to take your child's shot record with you when you go for shots.

Babies – infants receive vaccines at 2, 4, 6, 12-18 months and again at 4 years old. It is best to have the doctor look over your child's shot record at each visit to make sure your child is current on all shots.

Children must be current on all shots to register or enroll in school so make an appointment now with CityCare, your child's doctor or to one of the local pharmacies.

Vaccines are the only "school supply" we can give our children to make sure they are healthy enough to live, learn and grow.



Center City Block Party

"Center City Is Everybody's Neighborhood"
Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012 from 5pm-midnight

Rain or Shine

Transit Department — "How Does Your Garden Grow?"

Judy Phelps, Transit Manager

Over the next couple of months the Transit Department will feature its "Gardeners." Meet the employees and learn some gardening tips.

Anyone who has ever picked up a shovel and turned the soil in the Texas Panhandle can attest to the challenges and rewards of gardening in the high plains. Amarillo City Transit has several intrepid gardeners who despite the difficulties have found gardening – relaxing, peaceful and rewarding.



Beverly Dedman

Beverly Dedman gardens because home grown produce is better. She typically starts her garden the 1st of May. She is currently growing squash, cucumbers, green beans, eggplant, tomatoes, zucchini and okra.

Over the years, Beverly has learned if the tomatoes are not producing – shake them until you can smell the plant. If shaking the plant does not produce tomatoes – stop watering and let the soil around the plant dry out. Resume watering and your tomato plants should start producing. Before you plant okra seeds, soak them in milk for a day or two then plant the seeds. Place squash seeds in a damp paper towel on the window sill for a couple of days then plant the sprouts.



Miro Sistov

Miro Sistov moved to the USA from Bosnia about 12 years ago. He comes from a family of gardeners. Water is the biggest challenge he encounters and soil preparation is the most important element for a productive garden.

Miro begins soil preparation in the fall. In late January, Miro starts his vegetable seeds and sets them near a window. In April, he trims all fruit trees and shrubs – he added it is best to cut all branches at a 45 degree angle. He also trenches around each fruit tree and adds manure. The first week in May he starts planting.

Besides the heat, wind and lack of rain, another challenge Miro faces are the birds. He has solved this problem by placing bird houses and feeders in the front yard. When watering with a hose, never let the water hit the leaves water at the base of the plant and deep water each tree once a week.

Miro has 12 fruit trees, grapes, berries and a full vegetable garden. He finds gardening relaxing after work and enjoys seeing the garden flourish from seed to the dinner table.



Continued next month . . .



City of Amarillo Facilities Department

Jerry Danforth, Facilities Manager



Quick Facts:

The City of Amarillo Facilities Department oversees the maintenance of almost 1,000,000 square feet of building space. To put this number in perspective, this is equivalent to almost 18 football fields or approximately 23 acres under roof. To begin to quantify all individual components within these spaces would be an undertaking; however here are a few interesting estimations:

The building automation control wiring that is currently installed and maintained on City buildings is approximately 2,600,000 linear feet or approximately 492 miles in security control wiring alone.

The HVAC tonnage currently operating and maintained throughout City buildings is equivalent to the total tonnage utilized to condition the environment of 600 average sized homes.

Service Center Car Wash:

In addition to maintaining current City Facilities, the Facilities Department takes an active role in pursuing innovative solutions to ongoing maintenance concerns.

One example that Facilities Department has recently completed is the reconditioning of the Service Center Car Wash. Over time, the metal panel walls inside of the wash bays were no match for corrosion and were failing along the lower sections of the car wash. The facility, originally constructed in 1995, was in need of some major repairs. The Facilities Department implemented the new and innovative use of a stay-in place concrete wall forming system to provide a long lasting solution to the corrosion issues and durability of the building.



The system is a polymer based prefinished modular form and is interlocked together to form the shell of the walls. All electrical and data components were installed inside of the formwork raceways. The modular formwork is then braced and internally reinforced as required and filled with concrete utilizing concrete pumping equipment. Lighting updates were also performed during the remodel in order to update lighting that is currently being phased out. The entire scope of work was performed utilizing in-house craftsmen and technicians and was completed on time and under budget.

The Facilities Department will always be looking for better ways to provide long term solutions for the structures we service as well as the people who use them.



FROM THE PANTRY

Margaret Payton, MBA RD



Thai Steak Salad

Ingredients:

1 (1½-pound) flank steak, trimmed
 ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
 ¼ cup fresh lime juice
 1 tablespoon brown sugar
 2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
 1 tablespoon fish sauce
 2 teaspoons minced fresh garlic
 1 teaspoon Sriracha (hot chile sauce, such as Huy Fong)
 1½ cups thinly sliced green cabbage
 ¼ cups fresh bean sprouts
 ¼ cup julienne-cut carrots
 ⅓ cup fresh mint leaves
 ⅓ cup fresh cilantro leaves
 ⅓ cup fresh basil leaves

Preparation:

Heat a large grill pan over medium-high heat. Coat pan with cooking spray. Sprinkle steak evenly with pepper and salt. Add steak to pan; cook 6 minutes each side or until desired degree of doneness. Remove steak from pan; let stand 5 minutes. Cut steak diagonally across grain into thin slices.

Combine juice and next 5 ingredients (through Sriracha) in a small bowl; stir with a whisk.

Combine cabbage and remaining ingredients in a medium bowl. Add 6 tablespoons juice mixture to cabbage mixture; toss well. Toss steak in remaining 2 tablespoons juice mixture. Add steak to cabbage mixture; toss to combine.

Yield: Serves 6 (serving size: 3 ounces steak and ⅓ salad)

Nutritional Information:

Calories: 198; Fat: 6.5g; Saturated fat: 2.4g; Monounsaturated fat: 2.2g; Polyunsaturated fat: 0.3g; Protein: 26.3g; Carbohydrate: 8.4g; Fiber: 1.5g; Cholesterol: 37mg; Iron: 2.4mg; Sodium: 498mg; Calcium: 57mg



2012 Scholarship Recipients



Adrienne Loan
*Recipient of the
L. Ray Vahue Scholarship*

In honor of the late L. Ray Vahue, who served as Mayor of Amarillo in the early 1970's.

Adrienne is daughter of Tim and Lisa Loan. She plans on attending Texas A&M University in the fall.



Matthew Poston
*Recipient of the
John Stiff Scholarship*

In honor of the late John Stiff, who served as City Manager of Amarillo from 1963 to 1983.

Matt is the son of Mike and Carol Poston, he attends WTAMU and is employed part-time in the Finance Department.



Environmental Laboratory (E-Lab)

Emmett Autrey, Director of Utilities



The City of Amarillo has a "hidden jewel," analytically speaking. The City's E-Lab has a wide range of analytical abilities, and performs chemical and biological analysis for any department in the City that has a need for such analysis. The person in charge of the E-Lab, as well as the Stormwater Quality Program and Industrial Waste Control Program is Mr. David Reasoner, whose title is Chief Chemist & Environmental Programs Manager. David manages the work of 19 City employees, including Supervisors, Chemists, Bacteriologists, Stormwater and Industrial Waste Inspectors, Environmental Administrator, Administrative Assistants and a Custodian.

David Reasoner has been employed by the City for 30 years. He graduated with degrees in Analytical Chemistry, from both Amarillo College and West Texas State University. David also has the distinction of being in the "Double-A Club," as he possesses Class A State Operator Licenses for both Water and Wastewater. Possession of one Class A License is a mark of honor – possession of both Class A Licenses places him in a small group indeed. Of over 22,000 License holders in the state, only about 250 Licensed individuals possess both A Licenses.

About the Lab:

The annual analytical output of the City's E-Lab is approximately 65,000-70,000 parameters, which would cost about \$1.8 million a year, if performed by an outside laboratory. In addition to the

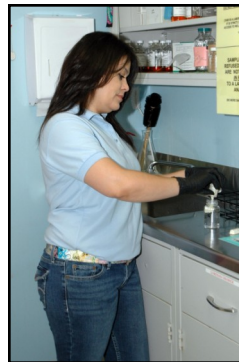
extensive support given to Water and Wastewater Treatment, analyses are also performed by the E-Lab for other City work areas such as Stormwater, Industrial Waste, Landfill analyses for Public Works Division, Hazardous Waste, and unknown materials samples discovered by the public.

The E-Lab also performs approximately 9,000 Bacteriological analyses per year for the City's water system analyses and for 230 entities and cities in the upper Panhandle area. The E-Lab also performs microscopic analysis for algae and other plankton species for wastewater treatment plants. Our Bacteriological Lab has achieved and maintains National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference certification.

This month's Ace on the Spot features David Reasoner.



Richard Olsen, Chemist I and
Mason Lemon, Lab Tech 2 in
background



Left: Lorena Solis, Water
Bacteriologist
Below: Cinda Johnson,
Environment Chemist



Michael Coffey, Chemist
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SCHOOL ZONES — TRAFFIC SAFETY

David Szmagaiki, Traffic Operations Technician



Every school experiences traffic problems associated with its operation. These problems are not only aggravating to drivers, but they create an unsafe environment for school children.

It is important for drivers in or near school areas to be especially sensitive to traffic laws and constantly alert for the presence of children. Since school traffic may be congested and confusing, drivers must exercise more caution.

•Be aware of the established 20 mile-per-hour school zones. Unless otherwise posted, these

zones are effective school days only between 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

•Plan ahead. Allow enough time to pick up children at a predesignated location. Speeding and unsafe driving endanger everyone.

•Park correctly. Double parking and parking in crosswalks are both prohibited.

•Leave school bus zones vacant and bus accessible.

•Watch for children in or near the street.

•Let children out of vehicles on the curb side only.

•Encourage children to use established crosswalks.

Don't Forget:

The safety and well-being of our children depends on the reasonable and prudent driving habits of everyone in school zones. Please be careful to obey all traffic laws in these areas.





CITY AUCTIONS

Trent Davis, Purchasing Agent



Did you ever stop and wonder what happens to old desks or filing cabinets along with the cars and trucks that we use every day in our jobs? Once they come up for replacement, they are taken to a City surplus storage building and held for an auction. The Purchasing Agent for the City is tasked with the proper disposal of all City property once it comes out of service. Along with the City surplus equipment, the Purchasing Department handles all of the Police Department's confiscated items as well as firearms. Just how does the Purchasing Department do all of this? The Purchasing Department has contracted with a well-known auctioneer. Mr. Tim "Spanky" Assiter, Assiter & Associates LLC. He has been conducting auctions for the City the past several years. In addition to the City's auctions, Assiter performs

auctions across the country. Since founding the Amarillo based Assiter & Associates, Spanky Assiter not only became an auctioneer, but a legend in the industry. Since the beginning of Assiter & Associates in 1983 Spanky has become one of the most sought after auctioneers in the world. Auto enthusiasts around the world tune in every year to see Spanky with his trademark glasses on his forehead rattling off his auctioneer's chant at the World Famous Barrett-Jackson Classic Car Auctions. In addition to Spanky's extensive work with major automobile manufacturers, his selling experience also includes livestock, antiques and real estate auction. Spanky is currently one of the auctioneers for the Keeneland Thoroughbred Racing Association which is the world's largest thoroughbred horse auction. Under the

City's contract with Assiter, we currently have an equipment auction every four months at Assiter & Associates' location (just outside of Amarillo on I-27 south to Canyon). The surplus items are sold by Spanky and his team in an online auction. You can check out Assiter & Associates' many other auctions at www.assiter.com. But as a reminder, City of Amarillo employees are not allowed to participate in purchasing City of Amarillo auction items.



SAFETY CORNER

CHARLIE SANCHEZ, SAFETY MANAGER



P.A.S.S. the Fire Extinguisher please! Having to use a fire extinguisher is simple in and of itself. However, the situation that requires its use can make a simple thing difficult of course. When it comes to using a Fire Extinguisher just remember the acronym P.A.S.S. to help make sure you use it properly.

P.A.S.S. stands for **P**ull **A**im **S**queeze **S**weep. You have probably heard this at one time or another. Once learned it is hard to forget, but a simple review is always good as anything learned.

Pull-The first step is to pull the pin (it usually has the inspection tag attached to it) that prevents the handle from being squeezed.

Aim- The second step is to aim the spray nozzle, or if attached the hose nozzle, at the fire. Aim low at the base of the fire.

Squeeze- The third step is to squeeze the handle to spray the contents. Remember a standard fire extinguisher has less than 30 seconds of spray time.

Sweep- The final step is to sweep back and forth as you spray the base of the fire.

Now let's look at selecting the proper fire extinguisher for the type of fire you may encounter.

Class A- Extinguishers are for ordinary combustible materials such as paper, wood, cardboard and some plastics.

Class B- Extinguishers are for fires involving flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline, kerosene, grease and oil.

Class C- Fires involve electrical equipment, such as appliances, wiring, circuit breakers and outlets. Never use water to extinguish class C fires!

Class D- Extinguishers are for fires that involve combustible metals, such as magnesium, titanium, potassium and sodium.

Class K- Extinguishers are for fires that involve cooking oils, trans-fats, or fats in cooking appliances and are typically found in restaurant and cafeteria kitchens.

Remember a fire extinguisher is only to be used for incipient stages of fires. As a rule call 911 before you attempt to put out a fire!



Top: Daniel Chavez, Equipment Operator, Street Department

Below: Marcy Meza, Foreman, Park Maintenance



BENEFITS CORNER

CINDY REYNOLDS, BENEFITS ADMINISTRATOR

THE SUPREME COURT HAS RULED THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (PPACA) IS CONSTITUTIONAL

WHAT'S CHANGING IN 2014 AND BEYOND?

July's ACE addressed the changes effecting the City's Health Plan and its members from PPACA's passage date in March 2010 through 2013. This month's article reviews changes coming in 2014. At this time the PPACA provisions in 2015, 2017 and 2018 should not have a significant effect on the City's Health Plan.

Beginning January 1, 2014 the City's Health Plan will be required to comply with the following:

1. The pre-existing limitation will be eliminated for all members.
2. Employees regularly scheduled to work 30 or more hours per week will have access to the Health Plan.
3. An expanded appeals process.
4. When preventive services covered under the PPACA are done in a network facility there will be no deductible and/or co-pay. The PPACA addresses the importance of preventive health services and the need to remove financial barriers to obtaining these services. High-quality preventive care helps us all stay healthy, avoid or delay the onset of disease, lead productive lives, and reduce

costs. Depending on age and risk factors, a few of the services covered under the act are:

- A. Colorectal cancer screening
- B. Diet counseling
- C. Immunization vaccines for adults
- D. Well-woman visits
- E. Contraception
- F. Gestational diabetes screening
- G. Autism screening
- H. Depression screening
- I. Immunization vaccines for children from birth to age 18

The complete list of covered services can be found at www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/2010/07/preventive-services-list.html

Changes not directly effecting the City's Health Plan:

1. Affordable Insurance Exchanges will be available for individuals and small employers (100 or less employees).
2. Waiting periods for coverage can be no more than 90 days (City's plan already in compliance).
3. Deductible caps at \$2000 for individual and \$4000 for family. (Currently the City individual deductible is \$800 and family is \$1600).
4. Starting in 2014, individuals must be enrolled in a health insurance plan that meets basic minimum standards. If not,

the individual may be required to pay an assessment. There won't be an assessment if the individual has very low income and coverage is unaffordable, or for other reasons including religious beliefs. (The City Health Plan meets the standards.)

You can find more detailed information on the PPACA at www.HealthCare.gov

July Brown Bag Sessions



Margaret Payton and Hermelinda Garcia



CityCare Clinic

CityCare is available to provide school/athletic physicals and required immunizations. The staff ask that the patient bring their current shot record with them to their appointment. If the school has a required form, please bring that also. Appointments can be scheduled by calling CityCare at **378-9090**.

*In Sympathy and
Friendship,*

Gary Witt
Municipal Garage

Employee Milestones

NAME	YEARS	DEPARTMENT
ROBERT BEAL	5	FACILITIES MAINTENANCE
FOSTER FRY	5	TRANSIT DEMAND RESPONSE
JIMMY MCMAHAN	5	AIRPORT OPERATIONS
TINA M SAVAGE	5	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION
TYSON RAY ALLEN	10	FIRE OPERATIONS
DOUGLAS ALLAN BIVIENS	10	FIRE OPERATIONS
BILLY BRUCE BOYDSTUN	10	WATER DISTRIBUTION
WILLIAM JACK BRYAN	10	RIVER ROAD WATER RECLAMATION
GAYLE ANN CUMMINS	10	UTILITIES OFFICE
DONALD LYNN LEWIS	10	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL
JANE PLACENCIO	10	UTILITIES OFFICE
ERIC SCOTT ROBERTS	10	FIRE OPERATIONS
JORGE ALBERTO VASQUEZ	10	HOLLYWOOD ROAD WASTE WATER TREATMENT
THERESA ANN WEST	10	MMRS HSGP GDEM
LYNETTE BARNES	15	IT SYSTEMS
DAVID M BOATMAN	20	WATER DISTRIBUTION
RICHARD C COGNASI	20	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION
CARY BRENT CLAY	30	POLICE
KENNETH W FERGUSON	30	POLICE
STEVEN J MITCHELL	30	POLICE
JIMMY M STOVER	30	LABORATORY ADMINISTRATION
CHARLES C TISDALE JR	30	POLICE



WELCOME...

Name	Title	Department
Kerry Tilley	Attorney 1	Legal
Amanda Shelburne	Librarian 1	Library
Keith Freeman	Utility Worker	Street
Robert Howerter	Utility Worker	Street
Elbert Jenkins Jr	Utility Worker	Street
Ryan Marten	Utility Worker	Street
Augustus Fennel	Utility Worker	Street
Jaman Williams	Utility Worker	Street
Terry Burks	Residential Equipment Operator	Solid Waste Collection
Roy Harper	Residential Equipment Operator	Solid Waste Collection
George Turner	Transfer Truck Driver	Solid Waste Disposal
Shayla Junell	Permit Technician	Building Safety
Lisa Mark	Permit Technician	Building Safety
Candy Martinez	Admin Assistant 1	Community Development
Kayla Conners	Admin Assistant 1	Utility Billing
Micaela Sena	Admin Assistant 1	Utility Billing
Deanna Lamkin	Admin Assistant 1	Utility Billing
Raymond Prickett	Utility Worker	Surface Water Treatment
Kelly Tims	Admin Assistant 1	Water Distribution
William Gray Jr	Treatment Plant Operator	River Road WWT Plant
Amy Dixon	Admin Technician	Community Development
Clara Grabber	Custodian-hrly	Facilities -Custodial Services
Cassundra Meza	Custodian-hrly	Facilities -Custodial Services
Bruce Champlin Jr	Utility Worker -hrly	Street
Reganeld Johnson	Utility Worker -hrly	Street
Mikel Campbell	Range Officer -hrly	Police Civilian Personnel
Efren Acosta	Utility Worker -hrly	Traffic Field Operations
Peggy Harris	Program Coordinator -hrly	Tennis Center
Nathan Qualls	Utility Worker -hrly	River Road WWT Plant
Joshua Followill	Utility Worker -hrly	River Road WWT Plant



Congratulations July Retirees

Jim Harris — 28 years
Amarillo Police Department

Rusty Eckels — 20 years
Street Department



Promotions/Transfers

OLD			NEW		
Name	Title	Department	Title	Department	Department
Allison Hill	Admin Assistant -hrly	Library	Admin Assistant 1	Library	Library
Tammy Carter	Emerg. Comms Specialist -hrly	AECC	Emerg. Comms Specialist	AECC	AECC
Benjamin Hall	Emerg. Comms Specialist -hrly	AECC	Emerg. Comms Specialist	AECC	AECC
Ann-Marie Jones	Emerg. Comms Specialist -hrly	AECC	Emerg. Comms Specialist	AECC	AECC
Christopher Pacino	Emerg. Comms Specialist -hrly	AECC	Emerg. Comms Specialist	AECC	AECC
Gary Stovall	Emerg. Comms Specialist -hrly	AECC	Emerg. Comms Specialist	AECC	AECC
Victoria Vigil	Emerg. Comms Specialist -hrly	AECC	Emerg. Comms Specialist	AECC	AECC
Pamela Sherman	Admin Assistant -hrly	Police Civilian Personnel	Instrument Operator	Engineering	Engineering
Andre Harris	Utility Worker -hrly	Street	Utility Worker	Street	Street
Francisco Esparza	Disposal Equipment Operator	Solid Waste Disposal	Environ. Compliance Tech	Solid Waste Disposal	Solid Waste Disposal
Joseph Loftus	Corporal	Police	Sergeant	Police	Police
Troy Roberson	Officer	Police	Corporal	Police	Police
Gabriel Reynoso	Utility Worker	Traffic Field Operations	Traffic Control Tech	Traffic Field Operations	Traffic Field Operations
B Howard Hall	Com Safety Inspector	Building Safety	Chief Building Inspector	Building Safety	Building Safety
Brittany Lake	Lifeguard	Parks & Recreation	Asst. Pool Manager	Parks & Recreation	Parks & Recreation
Reese West	Asst. Pool Manager	Parks & Recreation	Pool Manager	Parks & Recreation	Parks & Recreation
Manuel Hinojos	Utility Worker -hrly	Park Maintenance	Park Technician 1	Park Maintenance	Park Maintenance
Johnathan Long	Utility Worker -hrly	Park Maintenance	Park Technician 1	Park Maintenance	Park Maintenance
Daniel Terrell	Utility Worker	Park Maintenance	Park Technician 1	Park Maintenance	Park Maintenance
Leonard Cantly	Utility Operator	Water Distribution	Water Foreperson	Water Distribution	Water Distribution
David Westmoreland	Utility Worker -hrly	Hollywood Road WWT Plant	Utility Worker	Hollywood Road WWT Plant	Hollywood Road WWT Plant
Marty Martinez	Animal Control Officer	Animal Control	Animal Control Officer I	Animal Control	Animal Control



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Communications Department

James McCormick,
Telecommunications Supervisor

The City of Amarillo has almost 1,400 telephone lines and the PBX operators answer over a 1,000 calls a day to the main switchboard. Over the last month the communications department has been updating the intranet employee phone directories. They can be found on the main page or by selecting Phone Directory on the City Intranet Menu. You can search by name or department. You can also print or save four different phone list or directories. Debbie O'Halloran is consistently updating one of the directories while answering the main switchboard number; please let her know if there are any needed corrections.



Employee Pool Party

Bring your family for one last swim
before school begins!



Hotdogs, Chips,
Drink,
and Lots of Fun

Saturday, August 18 at
Southwest Pool 11am-2pm

\$3/person admission fee goes to
United Way



ACE ON THE SPOT- DAVID REASONER, CHIEF CHEMIST

Even though the E-Lab is very dear to his heart, David Reasoner does have another life. He put himself through college with his musical talents. He is the lead guitarist for the group "Windy City" here in Amarillo. The group recorded and produced a video for the song "Rockin Down in Texas" in 2007. This can be searched and viewed free on the internet. He also continues to teach guitar to a small number of students, as he has done for over 40 years at DR Guitar Studio. The most interesting music-related aspect about David is his guitar pick manufacturing business. The website is www.drguitarpicks.com. He invented the metal guitar flat pick, and has been making professional grade metal (stainless steel, brass, copper and bronze) guitar picks since 1968. To-date he has manufactured and sold about 93,000 picks. Among his customers are 58 top name groups, including ZZ Top, Aerosmith, Night Ranger,



naked eye, like a dim fuzzy spot in the night sky. Even this small amount of light is collected to produce a clear photographic image of the galaxy.



Fleetwood Mac, and many others. Mr. Reasoner is also a serious amateur Astronomer. He has a large Meade telescope which must be hauled in a trailer if taken to remote sites. It is capable of finding objects quickly using the on-board computer, and accurately tracks galaxies, which look to the

